

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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National Service Scheme

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of National Service Scheme (NSS) units operating in the country at present and total number of students associated with it, State/UT-wise ;
- (b) the details of funds allocated to NSS during the last three years and the appropriate steps taken by the Government to make it more effective;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to link NSS with entrepreneurial and developmental activities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) As on 31.03.2016, there were total 39,695 NSS units operating in the country. Total 36,58,518 students were associated with NSS units in the country. State/ UT-wise details are enclosed at Annexure-I.
- (b) The details of the Budget allocation (Revised Estimates) to NSS (Plan and Non Plan combined) for last three years is as under:

2013-14: Rs.83.69 Cr

2014-15: Rs.92.18 Cr

2015-16: Rs.95.98 Cr

The Government has taken a number of steps to make NSS more effective. The coverage of NSS has been increased. The total strength of NSS volunteers has increased from 32.50 Lakhs to 36.58 Laks. Steps have been taken to improve the quality of NSS programmes. The recommendations of Evolution Study of NSS conducted by Tata Institute of Social Sciences(TISS) have been implemented.

(c) to (e) The nature of NSS programme is such that the NSS volunteers associate themselves with development activities undertaken by various Department/ Agencies. This includes awareness programmes on important issues, shramadaan, etc.
